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SUBJ: CONFERENCE INVITATION FORMULA

1. POLAND PROPOSED TO IMCO COUNCIL IN CONFORMITY WITH UNGA RES. 3067 (XXVIII) OF NOV. 16, 1973, IT INSTRUCT SECRETARY GENERAL TO ISSUE INVITATIONS TO GUINEA-BISSAU, NORTH VIETNAM AND PRG TO PARTICIPATE IN DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE OCTOBER 21-NOVEMBER 1 CONVENED TO AMEND SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA CONVENTION. POLAND THEREAFTER BROADENED PROPOSAL TO APPLY TO ALL THREE CONFERENCES BEING CONVENED BY IMCO (AGENDA ITEMS 8A-C). ALGERIA THEREUPON SUPPORTED AND PROPOSED GRUNK BE INCLUDED. NIGERIAN REP BIT AT BAIT AND QUICKLY ANNOUNCED SUPPORT FOR POLISH PROPOSAL, UNAWARE UNTIL POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT GUINEAN-BISSAU, A SPECIALIZED AGENCY MEMBER ALREADY ELIGIBLE FOR INVITATION IN ANY EVENT. QUESTION OF INVITING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS

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AS OBSERVERS NOT RAISED.

2. USSR ARGUED VIGOROUSLY THAT FORMULA ADOPTED BY UNGA IN RES. 3067 (XXVIII) INVITATIONS TO LOS CONFERENCE SHOULD BE NEW GUIDING RULE FOR IMCO INVITATIONS, AND PROVIDED GROUNDS FOR COUNCIL TO REVISE IMCO ASSEMBLY (NOVEMBER 1973) DECISION TO INVITE ONLY MEMBERS OF UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, IKEA AND PARTIES TO ICJ STATUTES. BRIEF DEBATE AND RECESS CONSULTATIONS FAILED TO RESOLVE ISSUE, AND AT JAPANESE REQUEST QUESTION POSTPONED TO FRIDAY, MAY 24, TO PERMIT DELEGATIONS TO OBTAIN GUIDANCE.

3. USSR INDICATED INFORMALLY THAT IT MAY OFFER "COMPROMISE" UNDER WHICH (A) COUNCIL WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ASKED TO REVISE INVITATION FORMULA FOR THE TWO OF THE THREE CONFERENCES FOR WHICH ASSEMBLY HAD DECIDED IT, BUT THE COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND UNGA RESOLUTION ON LOS CONFERENCE WOULD BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF BOTH CONFERENCES, PRESUMABLY OPENING WAY FOR EITHER TO DECIDE TO INVITE OTHER PARTICIPANTS; BUT (B) COUNCIL WOULD DEVISE INVITATION FORMULA ON LINES DESCRIBED PARA 1 ABOVE, FOR DECEMBER LEGAL CONFERENCE (TO DEAL WITH CONVENTION ON THE CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS AND THEIR LUGGAGE ON BOARD SHIPS).

4. WHETHER "COMPROMISE" PROPOSAL MATERIALIZES OR NOT, QUESTION BEFORE COUNCIL MAY 24 WILL BE WHETHER TO EXTEND TRADITIONAL IMCO INVITATION FORMULA TO INCLUDE: (A) NORTH VIETNAM; (B) GRUNK; (C) PRG. (UK INFORMED US PRIVATELY THAT THEY PREPARED TO ACCEPT ALL STATES FORMULA WHICH WOULD PERMIT INVITATIONS TO NORTH VIETNAM BUT NOT TO PRG.) REQUEST GUIDANCE (PREFERABLY BY MORNING THURSDAY, MAY 23, FOR USE IN CORRIDOR WORK) ON DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY, IF ANY, AVAILABLE TO DELEGATION IN LIGHT OF LOS INVITATION FORMULA, NOTING THAT COUNCIL VOTE RESULT ON POLISH PROPOSAL UNCERTAIN AT THIS STAGE AND COULD POSSIBLY GO AGAINST US, ESPECIALLY IF MANY ABSTAIN.

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